

Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce

The 8am meeting was called to order by President Nick Pawlenty on May 6th, 2026 at Maple Lake City Hall. There were 9 voting members present and 1 guest. Current paid membership is 71.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Lorie Hegle and second by Denise Blizil to approve the secretary's report from our April 1st, 2026 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Hennen provided the treasurer's report. Balances were read as follows: Chamber checking account total was \$16,948.19 with \$12,946.06 for the general fund and \$4,002.13 for the Industrial Development Group. Gearhead checking total was \$39,059.93 with \$37,087.87 for Gearhead and \$1,972.06 for Snow Machine. Maker's and Grower's Checking is \$27,512.52, and Lord Abbett Investment \$8,872.21. A motion was made by Lorie Hegle and second by Paul Manuel to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Government Report: State awarded a grant to the city for a state park road grant; funds will go to the road down by the Maple Lake Beach off Highway 55. A public hearing was held on street improvement projects for reconstruction; the 2nd Street portion was approved, and other streets were tabled for future years. Council will be recruiting public works employees; a seasonal hire has been approved. A meeting to decide a company for planning services was scheduled for tonight, and City Administrator position recruitment is also to be discussed. The city has begun working on the 2027 budget.

School Report: No update.

Committee Reports:

Gearhead Get Together: Fundraising mode; poster trifolds and postcards are now available, the Wall of Death is back, music is booked, and the group is expecting a large crowd with good weather.

Industrial Development Group: No update.

Maker's and Grower's Market: First event is occurring on May 17th, 10 AM to 2 PM. There are 45 vendors with 10 waiting on approval. The group thanks sponsors, along with the school, Star Bank, and Bethlehem UCC for putting the event on their signs.

Old Business:

Cash Raffle: Raffle tickets will be passed/sent out this week. This is our biggest fundraiser, and each business is being asked to sell one book of tickets.

Our next meeting will be held at 8 AM at Star Bank on Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026. If you would like to host a future meeting, please email Caleb Haag at chaag@lakecentral.bank to get on the calendar.

A motion was made by Paul Manuel and second by Denise Blizil to adjourn the meeting.

Caleb Haag, Secretary